

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the current Title with the new Title:

-- Upstream Data Transmission Device for a Video System --.

Please replace the current Abstract of the Disclosure with the following new Abstract:

-- A video system includes a video source transmitting an output signal on a transmission line. First portions of the output signal include active video signals and second portions of the output signal lack active video signals. Video receivers display images based upon the active video signals and transmit data signals. A distribution device transmits the data signals to the video source during time periods when the second portions of the output signal are being transmitted. The distribution device includes a plurality of amplifiers, each receiving signals on an input for transmission on an output as amplified signals. Each amplifier transmits a respective amplified signal to a respective one of the receivers. The amplified signals are dependent upon the output signal and upon a data signal transmitted from the receivers other than the respective receiver. --

Please replace paragraph [0026] on page 9 with the following paragraph:

-- [0026] Bypass circuitry 34 includes a data extraction section 36, a data insertion section 38, and a synchronization device 31. Data ~~insertion~~ extraction section 36 has a first input 40 electrically connected to an output 29 of active device 25 and to an input 26 of amplifier 24. Data extraction section 36 also has a second input 44 electrically connected to output 28 of amplifier 24 and to second port 32. An output 46 of data extraction section 36 is selectively electrically connected to an input 48 of data insertion section 38 via a switch 33 controlled by synchronization device 31. Switch 33 can be physically embodied by a conventional switch, a relay, a transistor-type device, or an integrated circuit, such as a multiplexer, for example. Data insertion section 38 has an input/output 54 electrically connected to first port 30. Data insertion section 38 also has an output 42 electrically connected to input 27 of active device 25. --